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SUBJECT: ENERGY AGREEMENT: SECOND JOINT COMMITTEE
MEETING

REF: NEPOROZHNIY AUGUST 29 LETTER TO ZARB

REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING REPLY TO NEPOROZHNIY
FROM ZARB:

A. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER SUGGESTING THAT THE SECOND
MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY BE HELD
IN MOSCOW FROM NOVEMBER 17 TO 29 AND ENCLOSING A PROPOSED
AGENDA AND PROGRAM FOR THAT MEETING.

B. OUR STAFFS SUBSEQUENTLY CONSIDERED DECEMBER AS AN
ALTERNATIVE BECAUSE OF THE TENTATIVE NOVEMBER SCHEDULING
OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC
ENERGY. HOWEVER, SINCE THEN THE ATOMIC ENERGY MEETING

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HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER. ROBERT SEAMANS,
ADMINISTRATOR OF ERDA, IS THE US CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC

ENERGY JOINT COMMITTEE. HE IS ALSO THE US VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENERGY JOINT COMMITTEE, BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PORTION OF THE ENERGY AGREEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE ATOMIC ENERGY AND

ENERGY MEETINGS NOT BE HELD DURING THE SAME MONTH. FURTHERMORE, MY SCHEDULE IS VERY FULL FOR DECEMBER AND WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO ALLOW TIME FOR AN UNABBREVIATED VISIT OF OUR GAS DELEGATION TO THE USSR BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETS.

C. ACCORDINGLY I SUGGEST THAT THE US DELEGATION FOR THE ENERGY JOINT COMMITTEE ARRIVE IN THE USSR FEBRUARY 15. IF THAT WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT FOR YOU, I SUGGEST SOMETIME IN MARCH.

D. I AM SORRY THAT IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A MEETING IN 1975. HOWEVER, THIS GIVES US A LITTLE MORE TIME TO PREPARE. WE ARE SENDING TO YOU NOW, VIA OUR EMBASSY, A DRAFT RECORD AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING A SIMILAR DRAFT FROM YOUR SIDE AT THIS TIME. OUR DRAFT CONTAINS OUR VIEWS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING.

E. WE SHALL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAMES OF MEMBERS OF OUR DELEGATION AND THEIR DESIRES RE SITE VISITS AS SOON AS DATES ARE SET FOR THE MEETING.

F. THANK YOU FOR YOUR INITIATIVE. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU. SINCERELY YOURS, FRANK ZARB, ADMINISTRATOR, FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION.

2. FYI. SCHEDULING PROBLEMS OF SOME OF PRINCIPALS ON US SIDE PLUS UNCERTAINTY ABOUT DATES FOR ATOMIC ENERGY JOINT COMMITTEE ARE PRIMARY REASONS FOR DELAY IN RESPONDING TO NEPOROZHNIY LETTER. ZARB'S DECEMBER AND JANUARY COMMITMENTS ARE SUCH THAT HE DID NOT FEEL HE COULD AGREE TO DATES IN THOSE MONTHS. EVERYONE HERE REALIZES THAT FEBRUARY DATES PROPOSED IN ZARB'S LETTER
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VERY LIKELY WILL CAUSE SOVIETS, AND NEPOROZHNIY AS CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, PROBLEMS DUE TO PARTY CONGRESS PREPARATIONS. HOWEVER THEY ARE FIRST DATES WHICH SEEM REASONABLE FOR US SIDE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DATES FOR MEETING COULD SLIP TO MARCH. DRAFT PROTOCOL POUCHED 11/7 UNDER REGISTRY NO. 2943806. END FYI. KISSINGER

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